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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior listings.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A materials storage chest system comprising:
a lockable storage chest for storing a plurality of construction articles;
a ~~material dispensing opening having a rotating door~~ defined at least partially along a longitudinal length of said storage chest that selectively dispenses a desired quantity of construction articles from said plurality of construction articles; and
a temporary storage portion adjacent to said door that holds said desired quantity of construction articles~~controller which selectively actuates the material dispensing opening.~~
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, ~~wherein said further comprising a controller that~~ receives an employee identification to selectively actuate the ~~door~~material dispensing opening.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 2, wherein said controller receives a numerical value to actuate the material dispensing opening to dispense a quantity of material equivalent to said numerical value.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 3, wherein said numerical value is limited to a predetermined quantity.
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a communication system which communicates data from said controller to a remote location.

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6. (CANCELLED)

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said lockable storage chest is water resistant.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said temporary storage portion comprises ~~further comprising a materials receiving basket adjacent said material dispensing opening.~~

10.-18. (CANCELLED)

19. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said temporary storage portion is accessible to an operator for retrieving said desired quantity of construction articles.

20. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said temporary storage portion holds said desired quantity of construction articles before said desired quantity of construction articles are removed from said temporary storage portion.

21. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said lockable storage chest includes a top-loading door.

22. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said lockable storage chest includes a side-loading door.

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23. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a second lockable storage chest for storing a plurality of second construction articles that are different from said plurality of construction articles.
24. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 23, wherein said second lockable storage chest includes a side-loading door.
25. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said desired quantity of construction articles includes multiple construction articles.
26. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a controller that selectively actuates said door to dispense said desired quantity of construction articles.
27. (NEW) The materials storage chest system as recited in claim 1, wherein said door is rotatable to selectively dispense one construction article for every revolution of said door.

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28. (NEW) A materials storage chest system comprising:
- a first lockable storage chest for storing a plurality of first construction articles;
 - a second lockable storage chest for storing a plurality of second construction articles that are different than said plurality of first construction articles;
 - a first rotating door defined at least partially along a longitudinal length of said first storage chest that dispenses a first construction article for every revolution of said first rotating door;
 - a second rotating door defined at least partially along a longitudinal length of said second storage chest that dispenses a second construction article for every revolution of said second rotating door;
 - a controller that selectively actuates said first rotating door to dispense a desired quantity of first construction articles and selectively actuates said second rotating door to dispense a desired quantity of second construction articles.
29. (NEW) The system as recited in claim 28, further comprising at least one materials receiving basket adjacent to one of said first rotating door or said second rotating door that receives said desired quantity of first construction articles or said desired quantity of second construction articles.
30. (NEW) The system as recited in claim 29, wherein each of said first storage chest and said second storage chest includes a side-loading door.

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31. (NEW) A method of securely dispensing construction articles to an operator, comprising:
 - (a) locking an inventory of construction articles in a storage chest; and
 - (b) dispensing a quantity of construction articles from the storage chest into a temporary storage portion for an operator based upon security information received from the operator.
32. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein said step (b) includes receiving an operator identification into a controller and comparing the operator identification to information in a database to determine the quantity of construction articles.
33. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 31, further comprising storing the security information and transmitting the security information to a remote location to track the inventory of construction articles in the storage chest.
34. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein said step (b) includes dispensing multiple construction articles into the temporary storage portion before the operator removes the multiple construction articles from the temporary storage portion.

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- (a) locking an inventory of construction articles in a storage chest; and
 - (b) dispensing a quantity of construction articles from the storage chest into a temporary storage portion for an operator based upon security information received from the operator.
32. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein said step (b) includes receiving an operator identification into a controller and comparing the operator identification to information in a database to determine the quantity of construction articles.
33. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 31, further comprising storing the security information and transmitting the security information to a remote location to track the inventory of construction articles in the storage chest.
34. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 31, wherein said step (b) includes dispensing multiple construction articles into the temporary storage portion before the operator removes the multiple construction articles from the temporary storage portion.